



# Criminal Justice Training Center

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Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sir,

The Criminal Justice Training Center at Golden West College regularly trains new tactical team members through its Basic SWAT Academy. As the coordinator of this program as well as having over 17 years of tactical experience, I maintain a continued interest in new developments that might make SWAT officers' work safer and benefit their mission of protecting the community.

One such development that has recently come to my attention is the "Garage Door Overmaster". It is my understanding that this device will allow SWAT teams to remotely open garage doors during high risk events such as barricaded subjects, narcotics search warrant service and hostage rescue missions. I strongly support the ongoing efforts to gain a law enforcement/SWAT Team exception to the rules that govern such devices including the "five second burst" limitation. My reasons are as follows:

- Such a device would reduce the risk of injury or death to all concerned, including police officers, victims, bystanders and even the suspects.
- When necessary, such a device would permit entry into a location without having to physically damage the structure such as breaking in doors and/or windows as sometimes happens now.
- The device is intended to be used only to facilitate a safe entry, search and arrest operations subsequent to a search or arrest warrant or under the most hazardous situations,
- Such a Garage Door Overmaster device would provide important tactical advantages for high-risk warrant services and in dealing with barricaded suspects, especially in those instances in which persons inside are actively resisting lawful authority.
- Finally, given the severity of the situations in which it would be beneficial, the use of such a device would be infrequent, especially because other methods have proven successful under less hazardous situations. Having such a capability, however, promises to save lives.

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In closing, I urge you to grant approval for the Garage Door Overmaster. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at either (714) 363-1569 or **rkmiller@socal.rr.com**. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. K. Miller', written over a horizontal line.

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